

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Quito July 2 and 4, 1936

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and January 7, 1963¹*

Department of State files

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 88

QUITO, July 2, 1936

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to Your Excellency's courteous note No. 80 of June 16, 1936, proposing the conclusion of a reciprocal agreement for the waiver of passport visa and application fees for Ecuadorean citizens and American nationals who are nonimmigrants, I have the honor to state that my Government has given favorable consideration to the proposal and has authorized me to conclude such an agreement by an exchange of notes.

With the purpose in view of setting forth the exact scope of the agreement as agreed in our conversations, I venture to restate my understanding of the terms and to request Your Excellency's confirmation.

The Government of the United States of America will, from the 20th of July, 1936, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in case of citizens of the Republic of Ecuador desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924,² as amended by the Act of July 6, 1932; namely, [""] (1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily [as a tourist or temporarily] for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade between the United States and the foreign state of which he is a national under and in pursuance of the pro-

¹ 14 UST 757; TIAS 5354.

² 43 Stat. 153.

visions of a treaty of commerce and navigation, and his wife, and his unmarried children under twenty-one years of age, if accompanying or following to join him;" and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador will, from the same date, collect no fee for visaing the passports or executing the applications of nonimmigrant nationals of the United States of like classes desiring to visit the Republic of Ecuador.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ANTONIO C. GONZALEZ

His Excellency

Señor General Don

ANGEL ISAAC CHIRIBOGA,

Minister for Foreign Affairs,

Quito, Ecuador.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
PROTOCOL SECTION

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QUITO, July 4, 1936

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the courteous note No. 88 of the 2nd instant in which Your Excellency is good enough to reply to my communication No. 80 of June 16th last, stating that the Government of the United States has given favorable consideration to the proposal which I ventured to make to Your Excellency to conclude a reciprocal agreement for the waiver of the fees for the application and the visa of passports of Ecuadorean citizens and American nationals who are not immigrants. With this understanding, Your Excellency informs me that you have been authorized to conclude the said agreement by means of an exchange of notes.

Inasmuch as this Department is in conformity with the exact scope of the agreement as set forth by Your Excellency in the note to which I am replying, I have pleasure in setting forth below the formal text of the said agreement:

[For text of agreement, see third paragraph of U.S. note, above.]

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

A. I. CHIRIBOGA

His Excellency

ANTONIO C. GONZALEZ,

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.*